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Dear Parents and Carers

History and French Visit: Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June 2024

In connection with our teaching & learning programme, the Humanities and Languages faculties are running a combined trip in 2024. The trip will include a visit to the sites of the First World War Battlefields in Northern France and to visit the region of Arras, including markets, museums and a theme park, in order for students to practise their French. This visit coincides with a unit of work that is taught in History in Year 8 during the Spring and Summer Term and again in Year 10. This also has links to the GCSE Medicine unit which looks at the impact of war on medicine, and also the GCSE Conflict and Tension Unit (1894-1918) on the causes and events of the First World War. It will also coincide with the French taught and examined in school and allow students to immerse themselves in the French culture. The trip will be staying in a hotel in France, in the town of Albert.

We would like to offer current Year X and Y students the opportunity to take part in this visit during the Summer term of 2024. Because of the necessity of making long-term plans, it is essential to make a booking with the hotel at this stage. A provisional booking has therefore been made for approximately 50 students from Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June. This is part of the proposed enrichment week for 2024.

The cost of the visit will be approximately £500. The final cost will be given when student numbers are known. This sum will cover every aspect of the visit, from ferry to transport costs, accommodation and museum and theme park entry fees. It will also include tours prearranged at some of the sites that we visit.

The visit is one of the best educational experiences that the school provides, so if you would like your child to participate and secure a place, please complete consent and payment of the deposit of £100 (which is non-refundable) on ScoPay by Monday 3rd July at the latest. A payment scheme with scheduled dates will be put in place in the run up to the trip. Failure to meet payments may result in your child being removed from the trip.

Participation in the trip is dependent on your child meeting the official entry requirements of France and other countries the trip will travel through which will include; their own individual passport that is within date, and that will not expire until after January 2025 and a valid EHIC/GHIC. The UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) lets you get state healthcare in Europe at a reduced cost or

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sometimes for free. If you have a UK European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) it will be valid until the expiry date on the card. Once it expires, you'll need to apply for a GHIC to replace it. If you need to apply for a card, you can do so by the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Any international students will require proof of residency.

This visit has the potential to be an extremely popular one and could get booked up very quickly.

There is also the possibility of some limited support with funding for students who qualify for Pupil Premium, so please send a letter of application to Mr Jonathan Nicholas in the first instance, whilst ensuring you secure a place by paying the deposit on ScoPay.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Robertson

Trip Leader